

2019 NRCS/YSWCD Local Work Group Meeting Notes

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The Yamhill Co. Local Workgroup Meetings (LWG) was held immediately following the YSWCD District Board Meeting held on Wed Dec 12, 2019, starting at 10:00 am, which was hosted at the Miller Woods Property

Outreach Plan

Outreach was accomplished utilizing three different outreach channels year to solicit participation in the LWG Meeting.

1. An email blast was sent out to participants of previous meetings 2 weeks prior to the meeting.
2. A newspaper add was posted on Nov 23, 2018.
3. The LWG was announced in the District Newsletter in the Summer / Fall of 2018 Newsletter



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Local Work Group Meeting December 12, 2018

The 2018 Local Workgroup (LWG) Meeting will be held following the Yamhill SWCD (District) Board Meeting.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

10:00 am – Noon

Following the District Board Meeting

Miller Woods Conference Center

15580 NW Orchard View Rd McMinnville

Refreshments will be served

The purpose of the LWG is to gather public input on local conservation priorities. These priorities will be considered for implementation of future conservation practices.

Questions? Please contact Thomas Hoskins or Sergio Villaseñor at the McMinnville NRCS Field Office at 503-472-1474.

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Meeting Details:

Participants: 20

Note: This LWG meeting was held immediately following the YSWCD Board Meeting.

Meeting Time 10:00 am – 12:15 pm

Objectives of the meeting:

- Inform the public about what the Conservation District and the NRCS currently have available.
Example: No-Till Drill, Mulching service, EQIP CIS's,
- Discuss near future (1-3 years) Conservation Strategies.
- Gather information for future (3-5 years) Conservation Strategies

Meeting Participation:

We had people present at the meeting, including YSWCD Board members, YSWCD district staff, NRCS staff, local farmers, forest landowners, ODF employees, Greater Yamhill Watershed council staff, Yamhill County Commissioner. LWG input was also collected via email, and those comments are tallied in the Data Collected section.

10 min	Barbara B. Start @ 10:00 am	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of LWG • Relationship between NRCS, YSWCD and other partners • Introduce Staff, Invite Participant Introductions • Logistics: facilities, time, parking lot, minutes
15 min	Thomas	LWG Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Previous Years (2016, 2017, 2018) LWG's Top 5 Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached PowerPoint Presentation. LWG slides_2019_Final 			
20 min	Marie, Josh, and Thomas	Existing Efforts towards Conservation Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREP • Mulching • No-Till • PSP • RCPP • Weeds/ Grants • AG Water Quality CIS • Forestry CIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached PowerPoint presentation. Part of the LWG slides_2019_Final slides 			
20 min	Luke	Water Quality Fish Habitat Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the Fish • Fish Counts?

- See Attached PowerPoint Presentation: [2018 12 12 YNRCS Fish WQ Preso](#)

10 min	11:00 am	Break	Coffee and Refreshments
20 min	Annie Young-Mathews	Cover Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Crop Science • Economics of Cover Crops • Cover Crops for Pollinators
• See Attached PowerPoint Presentation. PMC_covercrops_Yamhill_LWG_12Dec2018			
10 min	Thomas	Current Trajectory/ Where are we headed in 2 years and beyond?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future CIS proposals... • Ag Water Quality • Multicounty Hazelnut erosion
• See Attached Powerpoint Presentation: LWG slides_2019_Final Last slide			
25 min	Larry	What's Missing/ Brainstorming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's missing Activity with Note Cards/Post-it Notes • 10 minutes break/ Opportunity to Write "What's Missing" from our current offerings/initiatives. • Tie it all together.

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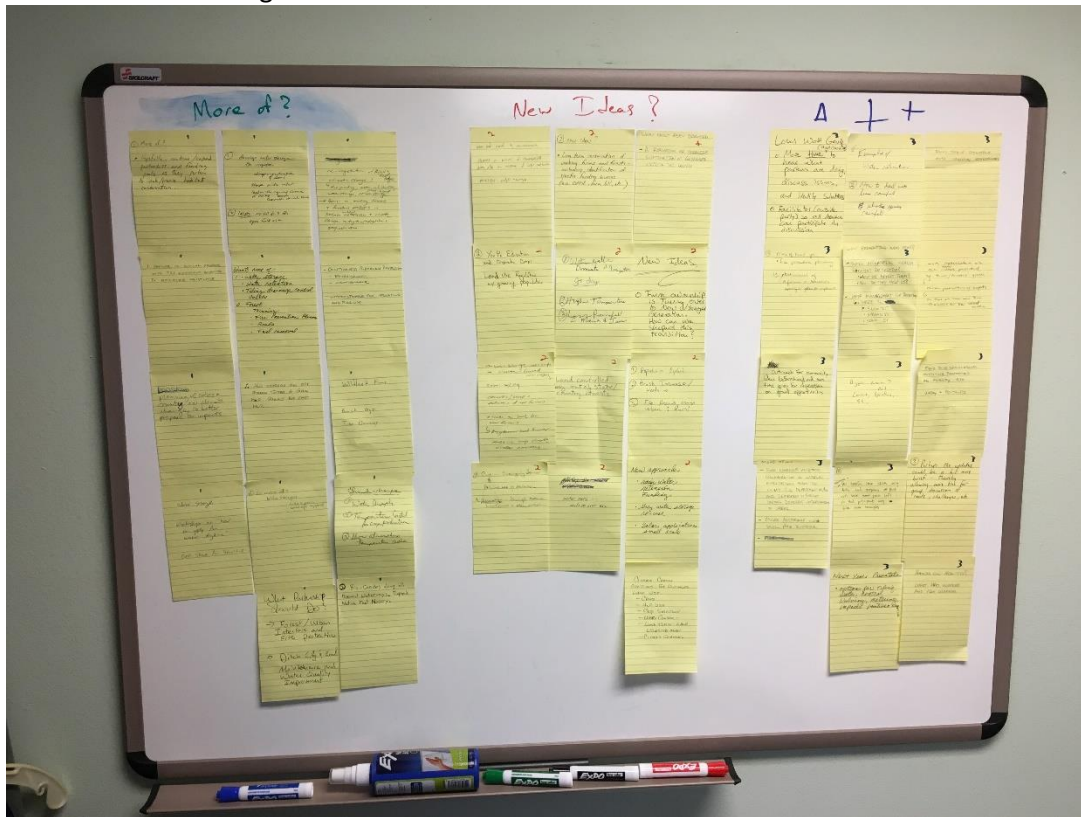


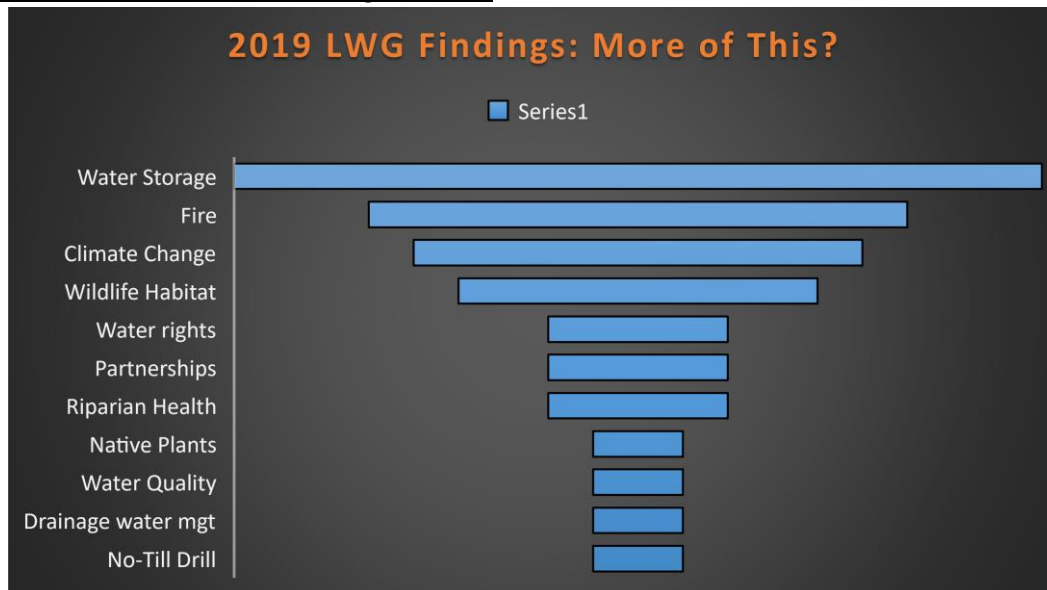
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1. Column 1 is the "What should we be doing More of?"
2. Column 2 is the "What are we missing/New Ideas?"

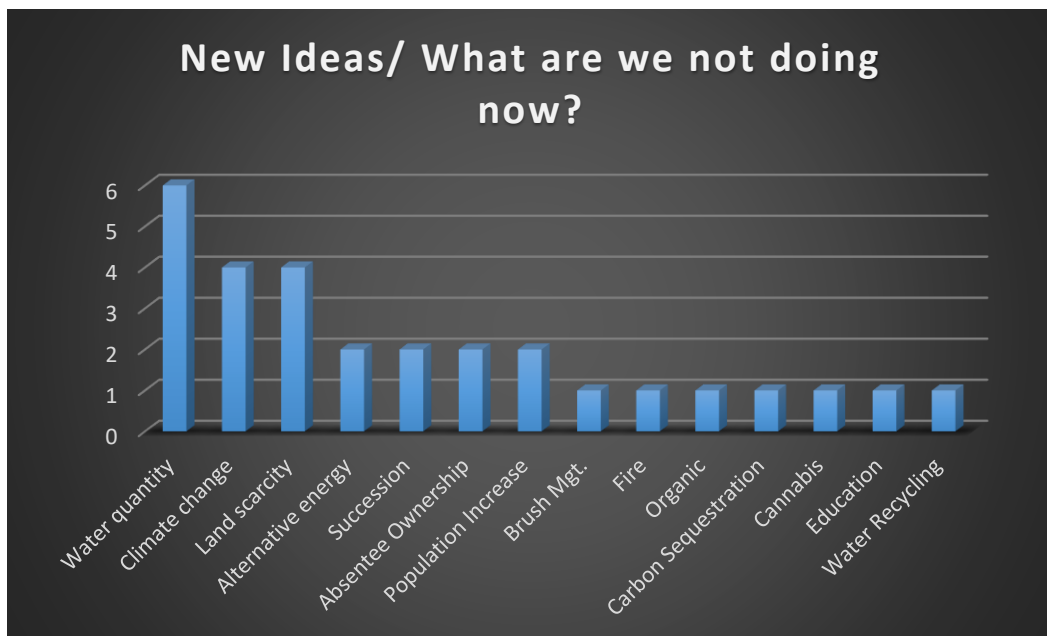
3. Column 3 is “How should we change this meeting to make the LWG more effective?”			
10 min	Thomas	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit objectives & outcomes • Summarize results of activities • Process & follow-up/contact information • Thank-you

Data collected and summarized at the meeting:

Question 1. What should we be doing more of?



Question 2. What are we missing/ New Ideas?



Question 3. How should we change the meeting? I've included all comments here.

Comment

- Include Options for tiling, water control, valving, metering impacts, positives and negatives.
- More hands on, how to.
- Report: What has worked and what has not worked
- Water quality and cover crop Updates, more brief, more time for collaboration
- Field tour, multi use properties
- Consider the foothills and Valley?
- Roundtable discussion with industry stakeholders
- More conversation on the ideas presented, with farmers and forest owners
- Shorter presentations by experts
- Showcase a few specific case studies using tools and programs that still have some years left. Examples of success
- Larger event. More stake holders participating
- Additional Soil health info.
- Water management for retention: Slow it, spread it, sink it.
- Examples of water retention
- How to deal with less rainfall
- More time to hear what partners are doing
- More Discussion of issues
- Facilitator (outside party) so all members can participate in discussion
- More fire prevention planning
- More testimonials of farmers and ranchers specific to plan for implementation

Big Ideas and Common Themes discussed

1. The need for on Farm Water Storage/Ponds. Fi
2. Wildfire Hazards and concerns
3. The threat of Climate Change

Potential educational opportunities

1. Wildfire Prevention on small acreages workshop
2. Water Rights course.

Lessons Learned

1. If speakers are invited to speak again, allow them no more than 5 – 10 minutes. Both speakers (Young-Matthews, and Westphal) went over their allotted time, which really cut into the time for the “brainstorming” event.

2. We should have stuck with the original timeline. There was too little time to get into the issues and talk about resource concerns, and we ended up going long on the time, ending the meeting at 12:15, instead of the planned 12:00
3. The LWG at the Board Meeting was very beneficial, and I am grateful for your willingness to have a meeting during your limited time.
4. Talk to farmers and find out when the Seed growers conference, and the Hazelnuts growers conference is scheduled.
5. We need signs, showing participants where the location of the meeting is. The Conference room at Miller woods, is somewhat obscure, and there are no signs pointing people in the right direction. Next time we have a meeting in this location, I will ensure that there is better signage.

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint 1. [LWG slides_2019_Final](#)
2. PowerPoint 2. [2018 12 12 YNRCS Fish WQ Preso](#)
3. PowerPoint 3. [PMC_covercrops_Yamhill_LWG_12Dec2018](#)
4. Participant Sign-in forms
5. Excel Spreadsheet with all comments: [2019_data_graphed](#)